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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS—BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 5, 2002; 9:30 a.m.

Presentation:

Supervisors honor first local exhibition of Mongolian Modern Art, "Chinggis Khan and The Mongolia Experience," which opened March 3 at West Los Angeles College.

Agenda Items:

Supervisor Don Knabe requests Board members oppose U.S. Senate Bill 633 because it would relax federal and state environmental review requirements for expansion of Los Angeles International Airport. (Item 3)

Board considers recommendations to improve services to emancipated foster youth, including shelter, transitional and permanent housing. (Item 6)

Nursing training programs proposed to enhance recruitment and retention efforts to alleviate nursing shortage in County facilities. (Item 7)

Large turnout expected for proposal by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich to ensure communities are consulted before transitional housing is established in their neighborhoods. There is a present controversy over Alhambra/San Gabriel project. (Item 8)

Responding to the recent deaths of two children in a Palmdale area house fire, Board considers having the director of the Department of Children and Family Services report in closed session on the policy requiring smoke detectors in homes, and whether there was an open DCFS case on the family. (Item 9)

Community Development Commission seeks authorization to increase to \$317,192 funding for a handyworker program in Second Supervisorial District to comply with new lead-based paint regulations for housing. (Item 22)

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Board considers loaning Deputy District Attorney Lea Purwin D'Agostino to the City of Los Angeles Attorney's Office to assist with anti-terrorism measures and LAPD consent decree compliance reporting. (Item 23)

Health Department requests authorization to participate in a program to enter specific death certificate information into the state's automated vital statistics system, making the department eligible for \$1 reimbursement for each entry. (Item 25)

Supervisors consider approving massage inspection and examination services agreement with the City of Commerce, allowing the County to inspect massage establishments and examine technician permit applications. (Item 26)

Mental Health Department requests supervisors to increase its budget by \$21.9 million to reflect additional state and federal funding for high priority programs and services. (Item 32)

Department of Public Works recommends supervisors accept completion of the \$980,323 William S. Hart Park general development project; and the \$760,403 San Dimas Canyon Park Nature Center project. (Items 34 & 35)

Department of Public Social Services seeks authorization of two agreements for job readiness and career planning services for welfare recipients with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, \$7.8 million, and Maximus, Inc., \$11.2 million. (Item 36)

Supervisors consider approving \$1.8 million contract for child-care services for additional 15,000 participants in the welfare CalWORKS program, increasing the maximum caseload to 45,600 cases annually. (Item 38)

Department of Public Works requests approval of a project to retrofit and repair the bridge on Soto Street in Vernon. (Item 30)

Two contracts proposed to monitor trash and catch basin debris in the Los Angeles River (\$770,000) and Ballona Creek (\$393,500) service areas – part of a new program intended to gather and analyze data about the flow of waste through storm channels. (Item 41)

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